Constitution of fare and Freight Committee

*309. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently constituted a Fares and Freight Committee to look into the ticket concession policy of the Railways ;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has since submitted its report ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether Government have a proposal to cut down some of the categories for Railway fare concession ;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ; and

(f) by when it is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Government has constituted Railway Fare and Freight Committee to examine the entire gamut of fare and freight structure and other ancillary matters including ticket concession.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Digging of moat around Babri Masjid

*310. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a twenty feet deep moat has been dug up around the Babri Masjid structure ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these moat/drains would cause seepage because of rain water and damage the Babri Masjid structure ; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking for the safety of the structure from crumbling due to seepage ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) Due to the digging and levelling operations carried out by the State authorities in the Ram Janma Bhoomi—Babri Masjid complex, there are apprehensions about the safety of the structure. The possibility of collection of water in the dug up areas during the rains resulting in seepage to the foundation of the structure and weakening it in the process has been brought to the notice of the State Government.

The State Government has informed that due to the steep slop, the water will flow out towards the west and south and there is no possibility of rain water collecting at the spot. They have also conveyed that the dug up area is far from the disputed structure and the State Govt. has assured that there is no possibility of danger to the disputed structure due to collection of water.

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*311. श्री राजूभाई ए. परमार : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि ;

(क) क्या गुजरात में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को चौड़ा किये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?